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The determination of dielectric constants for previously synthesized samples has been impeded by contact problems. Metallic contacts consisting of constituent elemental metals have yielded Schottky barriers, as well as filamentary shorts caused by metal transport via pores

and grain boundaries in these polycrystalline samples. We have developed a method for measuring the capacitance in which blocking contacts are used; the mathematical calculation is presented in the appendix. Recent results using this technique indicated dielectric constants ranging from 36.81 (6 kHz) to 35.71 (400 kHz) for  $\text{CuInSe}_2$ , and 34.78 (6 kHz) to 32.91 (400 kHz) for  $\text{ZnSiAs}_2$ . These results show dielectric constants approximately three times greater than those observed in our previous measurements for  $\text{GeS}_2$  and  $\text{AgGaS}_2$ . The dielectric relaxation spectrum for  $\text{ZnSiAs}_2$  showed peaks corresponding to relaxation times of 16  $\mu\text{sec}$  and 0.7  $\mu\text{sec}$ . The index of refraction for  $\text{AgInTe}_2$  was measured in the far infrared (beyond *Restrahlen*), where the dielectric constant  $\epsilon = n^2$ , and found to be 3.40, yielding  $\epsilon = 11.6$ .

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## SECTION 2

### MATERIALS PREPARATION AND CRYSTAL GROWTH: VAPOR TRANSPORT OF TERNARY CHALCOGENIDES

Early observations of little or no transport using iodine as the carrier gas for the vapor transport growth of ternary chalcogenides of the type  $A^{II}B_2^{III}C_4^{VI}$  led to the use of HCl, which was reported to be a more effective carrier. In our third quarterly report, several initial attempts at growth using HCl were discussed. To summarize, using HCl had improved the quantity of transported material compared with iodine, and some materials (e.g.,  $CdIn_2S_4$ , and  $CdIn_2Se_4$ ) had been obtained in sufficient quantities to prepare samples for evaluation. During the fourth quarter, we attempted to synthesize  $ZnGa_2S_4$  using HCl as the transport medium.

In the case of  $ZnGa_2S_4$ , all starting material was transported to the conical end of the sealed ampoule at temperatures as high as  $1100^{\circ}C$ . The ampoule contained three distinct bands: yellow, white, and translucent. The sample of  $CdGa_2Se_4$  showed almost no transport, yielding only a thin coating showing two different colors. The temperature in the hot zone was  $\sim 900^{\circ}C$ ; 1 atm of HCl was maintained at the operating temperature.

Results indicate the need for increased temperature ( $1000^{\circ}C$  appears useful) and increased pressure of HCl at operating temperatures. A review of recent crystal growth literature has uncovered a report of the use of 2 to 3 atm pressure of HCl under operating conditions for a successful yield of ternary chalcogenide compounds by vapor transport to crystal growth.

Our next series of runs will incorporate the above conditions (i.e., high temperature and higher (2 to 3 atm) pressure of HCl) for growth of  $A^{II}B_2^{III}C_4^{IV}$  compounds.

## SECTION 3

### MATERIALS EVALUATION

#### A. DIELECTRIC CONSTANT MEASUREMENTS

The ability to make accurate capacitance and dielectric relaxation measurements on a new insulating or semi-insulating compound depends markedly on the availability of a good metalization system for electrical contacts. If high Schottky barriers are formed at the metal-contact/insulator interface and the insulator does not have a sufficiently high resistance ( $10^7 \Omega$  or higher), the measured capacitance will be rather high and essentially will represent the Schottky-barrier capacitance. As described in the last quarterly report, this phenomenon was observed with  $ZnSiAs_2$  having silver paint electrodes. An absurdly high value ( $\epsilon = 9500$ ) was measured for the dielectric constant. The fact that this was genuinely a Schottky-barrier effect was ascertained by applying a voltage bias to the capacitor and observing the change of capacitance. Although it is true that, for any given material, a metal or an alloy system may be found to yield non-barrier-forming contacts, the search for such contacts for the new materials made for this program would be a major undertaking. Alternatively, if a suitable metal, which is also a constituent of the ternary chalcogenide (e.g., In for  $CdIn_2Se_4$ ,  $CuInSe_2$ , and  $AgInSe_2$ ), is used as the contact and further diffused into the shallow surface layers of the chalcogenide, a graded, nearly Ohmic junction may be expected at the metal-insulator interface. Although this approach has worked well with single crystals (e.g., Ag on  $AgGaS_2$ ), it has one main drawback with polycrystalline insulators. Even after a moderate diffusion anneal of In in polycrystalline  $CuInSe_2$ ,  $AgInSe_2$ , and  $CdIn_2Se_4$ , we observed that the samples were essentially shorted or exhibited resistances on the order of a few hundred ohms and therefore could not be measured. We believe that the shorts are caused

by diffusion of the metal along grain boundaries and the subsequent formation of conducting filaments across the bulk of the insulator.

As a solution to these problems, we decided that capacitance measurements should be made with two blocking contacts. This also prevents carrier injection. The blocking electrodes consist of two thin (0.004 in.) sheets of Mylar with evaporated silver contacts. The Mylar capacitors have the same area as the test insulator. The insulator is sandwiched between the two Mylar capacitors, and the capacitance  $C_m$  and the equivalent parallel resistance  $R_m$  of the sandwich structure at a frequency  $\omega$  are measured using a Boonton 750C capacitance bridge. The insulator is then removed from the sandwich, and the total capacitance  $C_s$  and shunt resistance  $R_s$  are measured at the same frequency  $\omega$ . A network analysis of the equivalent circuits for the two cases yields the capacitance  $C_t$  and resistance  $R_t$  of the test insulator (as shown in the appendix).

The dielectric constants of  $\text{CuInSe}_2$  and  $\text{ZnSiAs}_2$  measured at room temperature according to the above procedure at several frequencies in the range of 6 to 400 kHz are shown below in Table 1.

Table 1. Dielectric Constant Values at Indicated Frequencies

Frequency	6 kHz	10 kHz	100 kHz	400 kHz
$\text{CuInSe}_2$	36.81	36.15	35.74	35.71
$\text{ZnSiAs}_2$	34.78	34.65	33.64	32.91

### B. DIELECTRIC RELAXATION

The dielectric relaxation spectrum, a plot of the dissipation factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) versus frequency for  $ZnSiAs_2$ , is shown in Figure 1. There are two distinct peaks corresponding to frequencies of 60 kHz and 220 kHz, which correspond to relaxation times of 16  $\mu$ sec and 0.7  $\mu$ sec, respectively. Although sufficient details of the defect structure of this sample are not presently available to draw any definite conclusions, we can speculate that the shorter time constant, 0.7  $\mu$ sec, corresponds to the jump frequency of the lightest of host ions, silicon, into and out of Si vacancies. The longer time constant of 16  $\mu$ sec may be due to similar jump frequencies of the other host cation, zinc. The host anion, arsenic, because of its large mass, is not expected to respond to the applied high frequency of electric fields corresponding to the observed peaks. Similar and more detailed studies are in progress on other materials grown on this program.

### C. FAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

The far-infrared transmission spectrum of  $AgInTe_2$  (Figure 2) was determined and analyzed under the direction of Professor Paul L. Richards (Department of Physics, University of California at Berkeley). Sample thickness was measured to be 0.113 cm. The index of refraction was determined to be 3.40, and no noticeable dispersion over the measured frequency range was observed.

### D. A THEORETICAL MODEL FOR THE ELECTROOPTIC EFFECT IN CRYSTALS

In this section, we develop a theoretical model\* for the EO effect. The main motivation is to obtain an expression that can be used to predict the EO coefficient of new crystals. The data needed in the

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\*Model developed by A. Yariv and C. Shih.

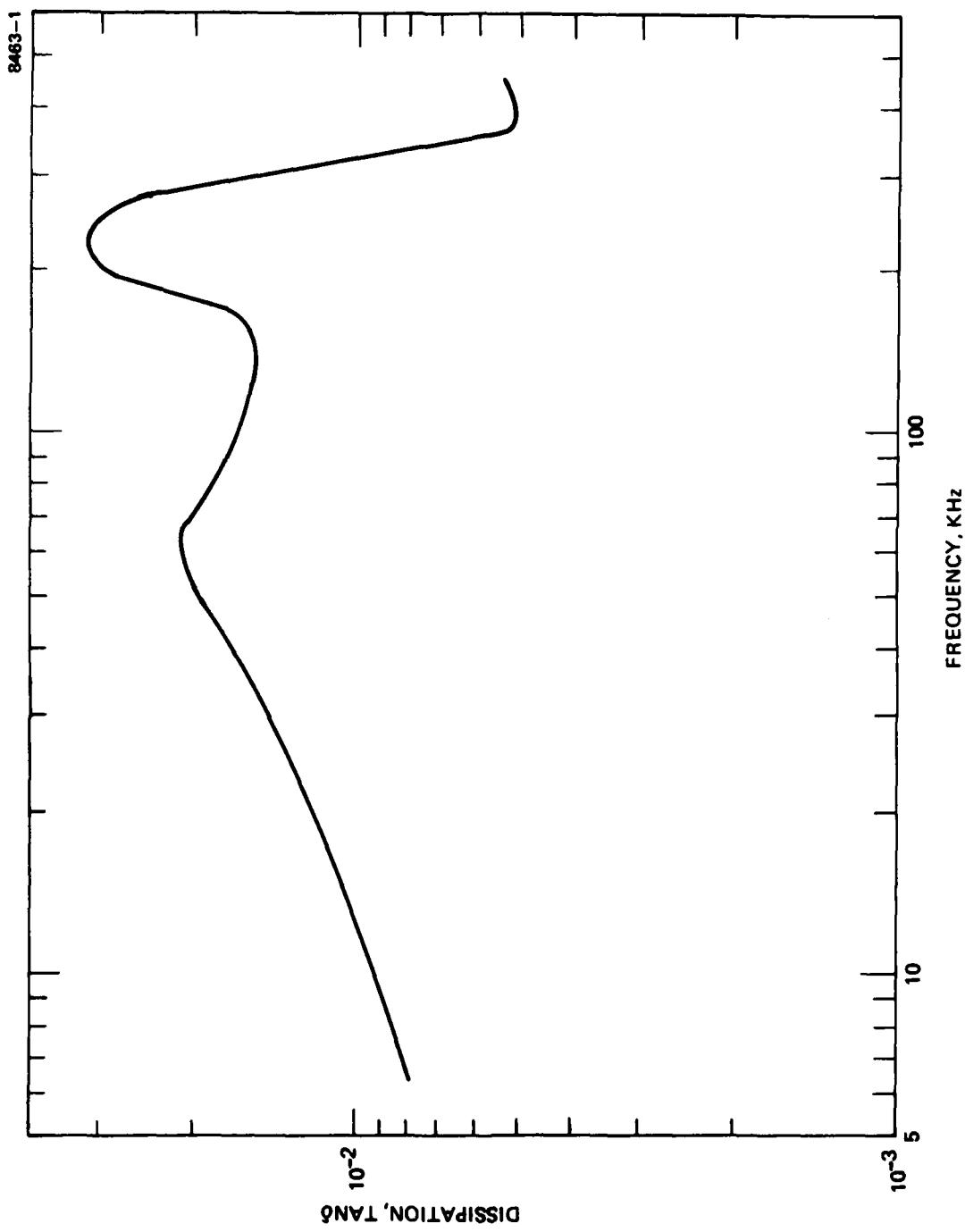


Figure 1. Dielectric relaxation of ZnSiAs<sub>2</sub>

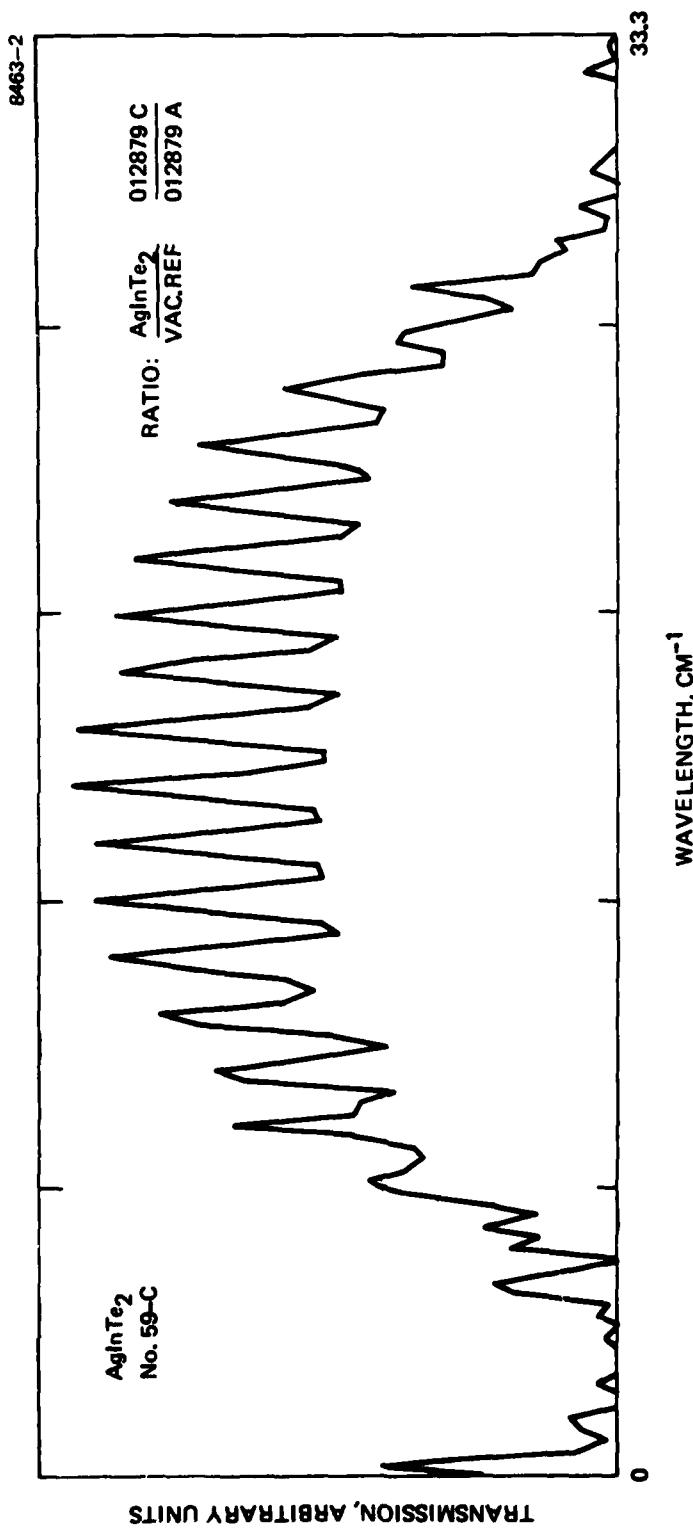


Figure 2. Far-IR transmission of AgInTe<sub>2</sub>.

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where  $\chi_{ij}$  are the elements of the susceptibility tensor, which relates the induced optical polarization  $p_i^\omega$  to the optical field  $E_j^\omega$  by

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In the above equations and in the rest of the analysis, MKS units are used. The superscripts  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  denote optical and low frequencies, respectively. The subscripts specify the Cartesian component. Summation over repeated Cartesian indices is understood.

There are two distinct physical contributions to the EO effect; to distinguish them, refer to Figure 3, which shows a zincblende crystal lattice.

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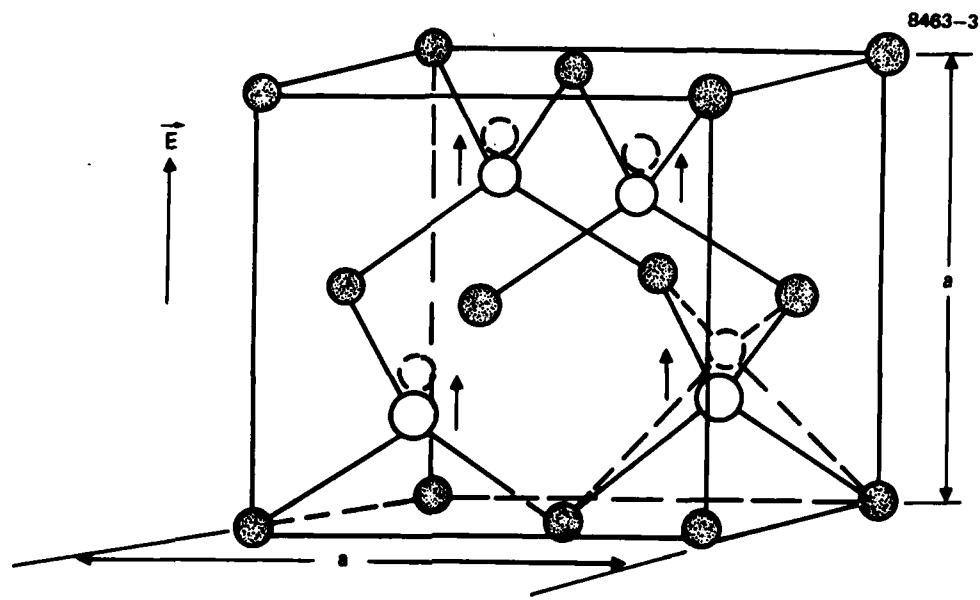
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Figure 3. Zincblende crystal lattice.

The first contribution results from a rearrangement of the electron distribution alone and does not involve a motion of the atoms. The contribution of this mechanism to the EO tensor -  $(r_{ijk})_{\text{elec}}$  - is related to the coefficient of second harmonic generation  $d_{ijk}^{2\omega = \omega + \omega}$  by

$$(r_{ijk})_{\text{elec}} = -\frac{4\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_j \epsilon_i} d_{ijk}^{2\omega = \omega + \omega} . \quad (2)$$

A theoretical model developed by Levine<sup>2</sup> and based on the Phillips-Van Vechten<sup>3</sup> (P-VV) dielectric theory<sup>1</sup> has been quite successful in calculating  $(r_{ijk})_{\text{elec}}$  using dielectric and ionicity data.

The second contribution to the EO effect is due to the changes in the atomic positions induced by the low-frequency field. This ionic contribution  $(r_{ijk})_{\text{ion}}$  is the concern of this report. The total EO coefficient is then given by

$$r_{ijk} = (r_{ijk})_{\text{elec}} + (r_{ijk})_{\text{ion}} . \quad (3)$$

To appreciate qualitatively the nature of the ionic contribution, consider Figure 3. We assume, as does Levine,<sup>2</sup> that the internally induced dipole moments point principally along the bond directions.

Let us consider a single bond, say bond  $\mu$ , in a unit cell. An optical field  $E^\omega$  along the bond direction will induce a dipole moment

$$p^\mu = \chi^\mu E^\omega$$

along the bond direction. (The dipole components induced normal to the bond are usually at least an order of magnitude less than those induced along the bond.)  $\chi^\mu$  is the bond polarizability. If a field  $E_j^{(\omega)}$  is

applied, then the component of this field along  $\mu$  is  $E_j^\omega \alpha_j^\mu$ , where  $\alpha_j^\mu$  is the cosine of the angle between the  $j$  axis and the direction of bond  $\mu$ . The induced dipole along  $\mu$  is then

$$p^\mu = \epsilon_0 \chi^\mu \alpha_j^\mu E_j^\omega .$$

The projection of this dipole along the Cartesian direction  $i$  is thus

$$p_i^\mu = \epsilon_0 \chi^\mu \alpha_j^\mu \alpha_i^\mu E_j^\omega .$$

To find the induced polarization (dipole moment per unit volume) along  $i$  due to  $E_j^\omega$ , we must add the contributions due to all the bonds within a unit cell and divide the result by the unit cell volume  $V$ :

$$p_i^\omega = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\text{bonds } \mu} \epsilon_0 \chi^\mu \alpha_j^\mu \alpha_i^\mu E_j^\omega$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \chi_{ij} E_j^\omega ,$$

where  $\chi_{ij}$  is the conventionally defined optical susceptibility tensor. It follows that

$$\chi_{ij} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\text{bonds } \mu} \chi^\mu \alpha_i^\mu \alpha_j^\mu . \quad (4)$$

The effect of an applied low-frequency electric field,  $E_k$ , is to displace the atoms in the lattice as shown. This displacement causes a change in the individual bond lengths and a rotation of the bond axes. The first effect (bond length) modified the bond polarizability,  $\chi^\mu$ ; the rotation changes the direction cosine  $\alpha_j^\mu$ . This, according to Eq. 4, causes  $\chi_{ij}$  to change.

These effects can be described by taking the differential of Eq. 4:

$$\Delta\chi_{ij} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mu} \left( \Delta\chi^{\mu} \alpha_i^{\mu} \alpha_j^{\mu} + \chi^{\mu} \alpha_i^{\mu} \Delta\alpha_j^{\mu} + \chi^{\mu} \alpha_j^{\mu} \Delta\alpha_i^{\mu} \right) . \quad (5)$$

The first term on the right side of Eq. 5 describes the change in  $\chi_{ij}$  due to the change in bond length; the last two terms give the rotational effect. To obtain the EO effect from Eq. 5, we need to relate the changes  $\Delta\chi^{\mu}$  and  $\Delta\alpha_j^{\mu}$  to the applied field  $E_k$ . The applied field causes the bond coordinate  $X_k$  to change. This change is usually manifested as an induced dipole moment. It follows that

$$Ne_c^* \Delta X_k = \epsilon_o^* (\epsilon'_{dck} - \epsilon'_{\infty k}) E_k , \quad (6)$$

where  $N$  is the number of atom pairs (bonds) per unit volume, and  $\epsilon_c^*$  is the Callen<sup>4</sup> effective ionic charge. The EO tensor  $r_{ijk}$  is then obtained by expressing  $\Delta\chi^{\mu}$  and  $\Delta\alpha_i^{\mu}$ , from Eq. 5, in terms of  $E_k$ .

The changes in direction cosines ( $\alpha_i^{\mu}$ ) due to  $\Delta X_k$  are

$$\Delta\alpha_i^{\mu} = \left( \delta_{ik} - \alpha_i^{\mu} \alpha_k^{\mu} \frac{\Delta X_k}{d_o} \right) , \quad (7)$$

where  $d_o$  is the bond length. The change  $\Delta\chi^{\mu}$  in the bond polarizability is obtained straightforwardly from the P-VV theory. The final result is

$$\begin{aligned} (r_{ijk})_{\text{ionic}} = & - \frac{\epsilon_o^* (\epsilon'_{dck} - \epsilon'_{\infty k})}{V Ne_c^* \epsilon_{ii} \epsilon_{jj}} \sum_{\mu} \frac{\Delta\chi^{\mu}}{d_o} \left[ \left( f_i \alpha_i^{\mu} \alpha_j^{\mu} \alpha_k^{\mu} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + 1/2 \left( \alpha_i^{\mu} \delta_{jk} + \alpha_j^{\mu} \delta_{ik} \right) \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $f_i$  is the ionicity factor. The ionicity factor can be expressed in terms of bond parameters, which are also used in dielectric theory,<sup>3</sup> and is tabulated in Table 2 for several crystals of the type  $A^{11}B^{VI}$  or

$A^{III}B^V$ . A full derivation for the above equations will be provided in the final report for this program.

The values of  $f$  have magnitudes that are all small compared to unity. It follows directly from Eq. 8 that, when the purely geometrical factor

$$\sum_{\mu} \alpha_i^{\mu} \neq 0 , \quad (9)$$

the contribution of the second term,

$$\sum_{\mu} 1/2 (\alpha_i^{\mu} \delta_{jk} + \alpha_j^{\mu} \delta_{ik}) , \quad (10)$$

dominates and is an order of magnitude or so larger than the first term,

$$\sum_{\mu} f_i \alpha_i^{\mu} \alpha_j^{\mu} \alpha_k^{\mu} . \quad (11)$$

Table 2 summarizes the result of applying the above theory to a number of AB crystals belonging to the zincblende and wurtzite classes. The electronic contribution is obtained from the measure of optical second harmonic generation coefficients  $d_{ijk}^{2\omega}$  using the relation

$$d_{ijk}^{2\omega=\omega+\omega} = - \frac{\epsilon_{ii} \epsilon_{jj}}{4\epsilon_0} r_{ijk} . \quad (12)$$

In the wurtzite structure (e.g., ZnS,  $\sum_{\mu} \alpha_i^{\mu} = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), the resulting  $r_{ion}$  is small and is comparable but opposite in sign to  $r_{elec}$ . The result is that  $r_{sum} = r_{elec} + r_{ion}$  is also small. The excellent agreement between the experimentally measured values of  $r$  and our calculated values lends support to the validity of this model. (A part of this work was sponsored by the Hughes Aircraft Company).

Table 2. Comparison of Predicted and Measured Values  
of EO Coefficient for Some Binary Compounds

AB	$a_0$ , $a_{\text{eff}}$	$\epsilon_{dc}$	$\omega$	$r_i$	$-f$	$\frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon}$	$r_{14} \text{ or } r_{33}, 10^{-12} \frac{m}{V}$			
							$r_{\text{ion}}$	$-r_{\text{elec}}$	$r_{\text{pred.}}$	$r_{\text{meas.}}$
GaAs	5.65	13.2	0.176	0.310	0.091	0.20	0.94	2.73	-1.8	-1.6
GaP	5.45	12.0	0.284	0.370	0.113	0.23	1.53	3.20	-1.7	-1.1
ZnSe	5.67	9.1	0.433	0.630	0.163	0.33	2.54	4.68	-2.1	$2.0^a$
ZnS	5.41	8.3	0.492	0.623	0.179	0.35	2.71	4.77	-2.1	$2.1^a$
CuCl	5.41	7.5	0.749	0.749	0.212	0.27	6.35	2.66	+3.7	+3.6
ZnTe	6.09	10.1	0.331	0.546	0.119	0.26	2.07	6.41	+1.7	$4.3^a$
ZnO	4.57	8.2	0.810	0.616	0.239	0.48	3.58	1.91	-4.3	+1.9
ZnS	5.39	8.7	0.552	0.623	0.181	0.35	3.54	5.63	-2.0	$1.8^a$
CdS	5.85	9.4	0.652	0.683	0.162	0.41	3.75	6.71	-3.0	$3.0^a$
CdSe	6.08	10.2	0.562	0.699	0.147	0.36	3.61	7.40	-3.8	$4.3^a$

<sup>a</sup>Sign not measured.

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In the next report, we will describe the application of this method to  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiTaO}_3$ , and other crystal classes. The ultimate aim is to select new crystals with high EO coefficients from among IR transmitting chalcogenide crystals.

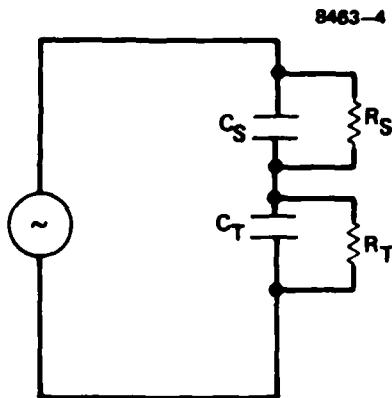
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APPENDIX  
ANALYSIS OF CAPACITANCE MEASUREMENTS USING BLOCKING CONTACTS

Problem:

An impedance bridge measures the total capacitance  $C_M$  and the total resistance (equivalent shunt)  $R_M$  of the two capacitors  $C_S$  and  $C_T$  in series at a frequency  $f$ . The bridge independently also measures  $C_S$  and  $R_S$ . Find the value of  $C_T$  and  $R_T$ .



Solution:

Since  $C_S$  and  $R_S$  are in parallel, the net (total) impedance  $Z_S$  of  $C_S$  and  $R_S$  is given by

$$\frac{1}{Z_S} = \left\{ \frac{1}{R_S} + \frac{C_S \omega}{j} \right\},$$

where  $\omega = 2\pi f$ , and  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . Therefore, it follows that

$$Z_S = \frac{R_S}{(1 + \omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2)} + j \frac{R_S^2 C_S \omega}{(1 + \omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2)}.$$

Similarly for the circuit of  $C_T$  and  $R_T$ ,

$$Z_T = \frac{R_T}{(1 + \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2)} + j \frac{R_T^2 C_T \omega}{(1 + \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2)}.$$

Since  $Z_S$  and  $Z_T$  are in series, the total measured  $Z_M$  is equal to  $Z_S + Z_T$ . The measurement of  $Z_M$  yields a value for  $R_M$  and  $C_M$  since

$$Z_M = \left\{ \frac{1}{R_M} + \frac{C_M \omega}{j} \right\}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{R_M^2}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2} + j \frac{R_M^2 C_M \omega}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2}$$

From  $Z_M = Z_S + Z_T$ , we get, after equating real and imaginary parts,

$$\frac{R_M}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2} = \frac{R_S}{1+\omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2} + \frac{R_T}{1+\omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2} \quad (A-1)$$

and

$$\frac{R_M^2 C_M}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2} = \frac{R_S^2 C_S}{1+\omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2} + \frac{R_T^2 C_T}{1+\omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2} \quad (A-2)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{R_T}{1+\omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2} = \frac{R_M}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2} - \frac{R_S}{1+\omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2} = \theta, \text{ a constant,}$$

since  $R_M$ ,  $R_S$ ,  $C_M$ ,  $C_S$  and  $\omega$  are measured values. Then it follows that

$$R_T = \theta + \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2 \theta$$

Similarly, from Eq. A-2 we get

$$\frac{R_T^2 C_T}{1+\omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2} = \frac{R_M^2 C_M}{1+\omega^2 R_M^2 C_M^2} - \frac{R_S^2 C_S}{1+\omega^2 R_S^2 C_S^2} = \lambda, \text{ a constant} \quad (A-3)$$

and

$$R_T^2 C_T^2 = \lambda + \lambda \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2 \quad . \quad (A-4)$$

Thus, for the two unknowns  $C_T$  and  $R_T$ , we have two equations:

$$R_T^2 C_T^2 \omega^2 \theta - R_T + \theta = 0 \quad . \quad (A-5)$$

and

$$R_T^2 C_T^2 - \lambda - \lambda \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2 = 0 \quad . \quad (A-6)$$

The simplest solution will be derived from Eq. A-5:

$$C_T^2 = \frac{R_T - \theta}{R_T^2 \omega^2 \theta}$$

or

$$C_T = \pm \sqrt{\frac{R_T - \theta}{R_T^2 \omega^2 \theta}} \quad .$$

Since only positive roots are possible, we can write

$$C_T = \frac{1}{R_T \omega} \sqrt{\frac{R_T - \theta}{\theta}} \quad .$$

Substituting for  $C_T^2$  in Eq. A-5, after squaring both sides of Eq. A-6, yields

$$R_T^4 C_T^2 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda^2 \omega^2 R_T^2 C_T^2 + \lambda^2 \omega^4 R_T^4 C_T^4 .$$

From this we obtain

$$R_T^4 = \frac{(R_T^{-0})}{R_T^2 C_T^2} = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda^2 \omega^2 \frac{R_T^2 (R_T^{-0})}{R_T^2 C_T^2} + \frac{\lambda^2 \omega^4 R_T^4 (R_T^{-0})^2}{R_T^4 C_T^4}$$

or

$$R_T^2 \frac{(R_T^{-0})}{C_T^2} = \lambda^2 + \frac{2\lambda^2}{C_T^2} (R_T^{-0}) + \frac{\lambda^2 (R_T^{-0})^2}{C_T^4} ,$$

$$R_T^2 (R_T^{-0}) = \lambda^2 C_T^2 + 2\lambda^2 C_T^2 (R_T^{-0}) + \lambda^2 C_T^4 (R_T^{-0})^2$$

or

$$\lambda^2 C_T^2 - 2\lambda^2 R_T^{-0} + \lambda^2 C_T^2 + 2\lambda^2 C_T^2 R_T^{-0} - 2\lambda^2 C_T^2 + \lambda^2 C_T^2 = R_T^3 - R_T^2 C_T^2 .$$

Therefore,

$$R_T^3 - R_T^2 C_T^2 = \lambda^2 C_T^2 R_T^{-0}$$

giving

$$R_T^{-0} = \lambda^2 C_T^2 + 0^2 ,$$

$$R_T = \frac{\lambda^2 C_T^2}{0} + 0 ,$$

and

$$c_T = \sqrt{\frac{R_T - \theta}{\theta}} / R_T^\omega$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\lambda^2 \omega^2}{\theta} + \theta - \theta}{\theta}} / R_T^\omega$$

$$= + \frac{\lambda}{R_T} = \frac{\lambda}{R_T} = \frac{\lambda \theta}{\lambda^2 \omega^2 + \theta^2} .$$